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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF MUSIC

2011-12 SEASON

Sunday, January 29, 2012
7:30 pm. Walter Hall

NEW MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mercer-Park Duo

Rachel Mercer, cello
Angela Park, piano

PROGRAM

1. Talk
2. Starsail ————— Kevin Lau
3. Talk
4. Soulmate ————— Chan Ka Nin
5. Talk
6. Sonata for cello and piano - World-Premiere ————— William Rowson
7. talk
8. Crossings ————— Abigail Richardson-Schulte

INTERMISSION

1. Talk
2. Ex-Animo for 2 celli ————— Hunter Coblentz
With Amahl Arulanandam, cello
3. Talk
4. Lapis Lazuli for cello and piano - World Premiere ————— Matthew Todd
5. Talk
6. ...and dark time flowed by her like a river... ————— Gary Kulesha

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Next New Music Festival Event

Tuesday, January 31, 2012, 7:30 pm. Walter Hall

Paul Hoffert Lecture: "McLuhan, Media, & Music: Media Theory for Performers and Composers"

Paul Hoffert, Digital Media Professor at York University and well-known composer and performer, uncovers important links between Marshall McLuhan's media theories and the current work environment for music performers and composers. It turns out that the Medium IS the Message and that stages, concert halls, sound reinforcement, recording studios, television, films, video games, iPads, mobile phones, as well as composing and notation software are all media that impact the messages and professional activities of musicians today.

BIOGRAPHIES

Described as a "pure chamber musician" (*Globe and Mail*) creating "moments of pure magic" (*Toronto Star*), Canadian cellist **Rachel Mercer** has demonstrated her love for sharing music through performance since she was three years old. Winner of the 2009 Canada Council Musical Instrument Bank Competition, Rachel was awarded the use of the 1696 Bonjour Stradivarius cello, until August 2012. As the grand prize winner of the 2001 Vriendenkrans Competition in Amsterdam, Rachel made her European debut in the Concertgebouw and has appeared as a soloist across Canada, in Europe, the United States, Balkans and Israel. A member of the award-winning Aviv String Quartet from 2002-2010, Rachel toured regularly on five continents. Currently based in Toronto, Rachel is cellist of Ensemble Made In Canada, Via Salzburg, the Mercer-Park Duo, and is Artistic Director of the "5 at the First" chamber series in Hamilton. Rachel has given masterclasses at schools, conservatories and universities across North America, South Africa and in Israel. Rachel can be heard on the Naxos, Dalia Classics and EnT-T record labels.

Pianist **Angela Park** has established herself as one of Canada's leading young musicians. She has won numerous awards and prizes from major competitions both at home and abroad, including the International Grace Welsh Prize for Piano in Chicago, World Piano Competition in Cincinnati, Canadian National Music Festival, Honens International Piano Competition, and the Maria Canals International Piano Competition in Barcelona. As soloist and chamber musician, Angela has performed for such notable series as Montreal's Pro Musica, Ottawa Chamberfest, Parry Sound Festival of the Sound, Stratford Summer Music Festival, Winnipeg Virtuosi, Debut Atlantic and Prairie Debut Tours, CBC Onstage, Yamanashi Concerts in Japan, Orchestra London Canada, Sinfonia Toronto, Stratford Symphony, and the Northern Lights Music Festival in Mexico. She is a founding member of the award-winning Ensemble Made In Canada, the Mercer-Park Duo and the Wei-Park Duo. Angela has also appeared in concert with such renowned artists as flutists Susan Hoeppe and Tara Helen O'Connor, violinists Jonathan Crow and Scott St. John, horn virtuoso William VerMeulen, the Cecilia String Quartet, and conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin. Angela completed her BMus and MMus in Performance at the University of Toronto, where she studied with William Aide. In 2010, she earned her DMA from the Université de Montréal with highest honours. Angela is currently Visiting Assistant Professor (Collaborative Piano-Woodwinds) at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. www.angelapark.com